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Hon. William Colby Director, Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Colby:

Your staff's contributions to Reorientation and Commercial Relations of the Economies of Eastern Europe recently released by the Joint Economic Committee were most helpful in providing the U. S. Congress, the academic community and the general public with a better basis for understanding and policy formulation. Among other things, this volume has permitted us to initiate professional discussions with economists and officials in East Europe that may be extremely helpful in broadening East-West understanding.

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	West ha	A most original and painstaking effort by is his TATINTL n East European trade and the balance of payments with the industrial s proven to be especially valuable. Finally, Mr. nt of Western investment in the countries of Eastern Europe, with emphasis on Yugoslavia, proved a useful additional dimension.					

The Joint Economic Committee and the Congress is once again indebted to you and your staff for providing an excellent contribution to one of our series of studies on Socialist economies.

Best wishes.

Hubert H. Humphrey

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